



# *South Carolina Department of Agriculture*

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## **Collection Date for Unwanted Pesticides Set for April 11**

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) is partnering with the County of Lexington Solid Waste Management Department to accept unwanted or unused pesticides from farmers and homeowners from across the state at no charge. The County of Lexington is holding its Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at CrossRoads Middle School. Although most of the recycling event is only open to residents of Lexington and Richland Counties, waste pesticides will be accepted from residents of any SC county.

Pesticides will not be accepted from any type of commercial business or commercial applicator. Other collection events are planned for later this year that will be open to commercial applicators in the state.

- Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on April 11, 2015.
- Location: CrossRoads Middle School, 6949 St. Andrews Road, Columbia SC 29212
- SCDA will have personnel on site to monitor pesticide collection.
- Quantities accepted will be limited to 2500 pounds of solid waste and 300 gallons of liquid at no charge.
- Rinsate will not be accepted.
- No fertilizer (unless it is combined with a pesticide such as weed and feed), compressed gas cylinders (metal cylinder with a valve), or empty containers will be collected.
- SCDA has final authority and will make the decision on whether or not to take waste from participants once vendor decides whether or not staff can properly dispose of product.
- Pesticide products include herbicides, insecticides, nematicides, fungicides, and other similar products used in agricultural production or around the home.

For more information regarding pesticide collection, contact SCDA's John Stokes at 803-737-9696. For more information on County of Lexington HHW Collection event, contact County of Lexington Solid Waste Management Department at 803-785-3340.

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